

who knows how many more illegal drugs will hit our streets and reach our children?

Mr. Speaker, it's time to put a stranglehold on our borders once and for all. I urge all members to cosponsor H.R. 628.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE NAVY LT.  
COMMANDER KURT BARICH

**HON. HEATHER WILSON**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 1999*

Mrs. WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to your attention the service to our country of Navy Lt. Commander Kurt Barich. Lt. Commander Barich recently died in service to our country in an aircraft accident aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Enterprise*.

Kurt Barich moved to Albuquerque, NM, with his family in 1970, going to school at Sandia High School and the University of New Mexico before joining the Navy. Kurt was a member of the squadron VAQ-130, the "Zappers," based at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, WA.

Lt. Commander Kurt Barich flew 39 combat missions in the Gulf War in A-6 Intruder ground attack jets off the carrier U.S.S. *Kennedy*. After the Navy retired the A-6, Kurt Barich began flying the Prowler, an electronic warfare variant designed to jam enemy radar and destroy radar sights. He served his country honorably and with distinction receiving numerous medals and decorations in his 13 years in the Navy, including four Air Medals, three Navy Commendations and four Navy Achievement Medals.

Kurt Barich was aboard the U.S.S. *Enterprise* on his last mission as it sailed for Norfolk, VA, and then on to the Middle East to protect vital American interests. Join me today as we honor Lt. Commander Kurt Barich for his service to our country. We will only remain a free country as long as there are men and women ready to protect our freedoms. Let us also send our thanks and our sympathies to his family for their support for his service in the Navy.

TRIBUTE TO DALE JACOBS

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 1999*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dale Jacobs in celebration of his dedication to community service and volunteering.

As Dale is being honored this week by the Tarzana Chamber of Commerce, it seems an appropriate time to acknowledge his distinguished career and extraordinary contributions to the development of our community and our country.

Since becoming a resident of the Valley, over 20 years ago, Dale has continually strived to make his home and community a better place to live. He sacrifices his personal time, energy, and money so that others may

benefit. At one point he was involved with 22 local organizations simultaneously.

His children Joel and Angela have been a tremendous inspiration to him giving him the desire to ensure that their lives, and the lives of other children, can be as fulfilling as possible. He is an active member of A.Y.S.O. as a Division Manager, Treasurer, coach, and even referee. In addition, he has also taken an active role in their education, having served as past President of the Portola Middle School Booster Club, Vice-President of the Wilbur Avenue Elementary School Booster Club, President of the Reseda High School PTSA, and Treasurer of Parents for Public Schools.

Dale has also played an active role in the business community. A certified public accountant, Dale has been a partner with Sandler, Powell, Jacobs & Berlin since 1988. A member of the Tarzana Chamber for many years Dale has been serving as their President since 1997 where he has focused on expanding membership, encouraging activism, and serving the community. We are fortunate that he is being reinstalled as President of the Tarzana chamber for yet another year.

When he does have free time Dale enjoys Civil War Reenacting with his wife Bobbe, of 27 years, and the rest of his family. He is Treasurer of the Fort Tejon Historical Association and spent last summer participating in a reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Mohandas Gandhi once said that "You find yourself by losing yourself in service to your fellow man, your God and country." I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to Dale. Thanks to his leadership, courage, and dedication, our community is an ideal place to raise a family, start a business, or become involved in community activities.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Dale Jacobs for all of his contributions to our community.

A TRIBUTE TO VAHAN TEKEYAN  
AND TO THE TEKEYAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Vahan Tekeyan on the 120th anniversary of his birth and to the Tekeyan Cultural Association.

Vahan Tekeyan was born in Constantinople, Turkey in 1878. He gained prominence as one of the most celebrated poets in Armenian history. Tekeyan is credited with contributing to saving the Armenian language through his vast writings. It is said that he gave poetry a melody all its own. Tekeyan is recognized both as a poet of the people and as a poet's poet. He courageously met and conquered numerous challenges during his lifetime. Vahan Tekeyan died in Cairo, Egypt at the age of 67.

The Tekeyan Cultural Association was founded in Beirut, Lebanon in 1947 by Professor Parounag Thomasian, Kersan Aharonian and Harchia Setrakian, Esq. The association is headquartered in Watertown,

MA and has chapters throughout the United States as well as in Armenia, Canada, France, Egypt, Argentina, Belgium and Greece. During the Armenian genocide of 1915-1923, the Fresno Chapter of the Tekeyan Cultural Association significantly contributed to the welfare and support of orphans.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I pay tribute to Vahan Tekeyan on the 120th anniversary of his birth and to the Tekeyan Cultural Association Fresno Chapter. Their dedication to preserving Armenian heritage and their significant support of numerous noble causes is to be commended. I invite my colleagues to join me in this recognition.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER MICHIGAN  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE ALLEN  
L. LOWE

**HON. BART STUPAK**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 1999*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to Allen Lowe, a former representative to the Michigan House of Representatives from the 105th Representative District, which includes five counties in my congressional district.

First elected to the House in 1992, Allen Lowe has just concluded his service in that body because of the Michigan term limits law. This law was enacted at the will of the voters of Michigan, but I have to confess that in this case I believe the law has turned out of office a dedicated public servant who was deeply concerned about the welfare of his constituents.

I know that Allen traveled extensively throughout his district, because I pride myself on returning to my district each week to participate in community events, and many times I found Allen attending the same events.

Allen Lowe was a legislator with deep convictions, and although I did not always agree with his position on issues, I have always had the greatest respect for the way in which he presented and defended these convictions. Like myself, Allen was a graduate of Cooley Law School. Like myself, he was a pro-life legislator. And like myself, he was not afraid to challenge Michigan's governor on issues that he believed would be detrimental to his northern Michigan constituents, despite that fact that Allen and the governor were members of the same political party.

Allen brought to his job a broad involvement in community issues. He has been a teacher and school administrator, and he involved himself in activities and organizations that served his Michigan district, including the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Camp Grayling Conservation Club, and the Friends of Hartwick Pines.

I will miss doing parades with him, debating issues, and, as always, working with him on issues of importance to his state representative district.

I believe the people of the 105th Representative District were well-served by Allen Lowe.